

tissues.—Mr. CARTER related an instance that had come under his own observation, in which the patient had been treated for syphilis with iodide of potassium with benefit; but hemiplegia supervened, and from that time the drug did no good.—Dr. ANSTIE had prescribed half-drachm doses of iodide of potassium for neuralgia with particularly good results.

Mr. CALLENDER then read a note on a plan of Reducing Old Dislocation at the Shoulder. The method, illustrated by the history of a case, consisted in raising the elbow of the dislocated limb across the chest nearly to the level of the interclavicular notch, forcing the raised arm outwards, rotating the arm in so doing, and lastly, whilst still rotating, somewhat depressing it. Practically, this plan of manipulation avoided all risk of injuring the great vessels in the axilla, as all pressure upon them was done away with.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—In the circular just issued to members of the medical profession who have not yet joined the Association, I have noticed an error in regard to the excursion into Cornwall connected with the approaching meeting at Plymouth, which should be corrected at once, as the arrangements of the busy practitioner for his too brief holiday must be made some time beforehand. The days appointed for the excursion of the Royal Institution of Cornwall are Monday and Tuesday, the 14th and 15th of August; not the preceding Thursday and Friday, as intimated in the circular, which is so far a reprint of the notice in the JOURNAL of January 7th. The time now fixed is that originally contemplated; it was altered at the desire of our Plymouth friends, so as to fall within the limits of the meeting there; but the Committee of Council having subsequently—very judiciously, as I think—requested that no distant excursion should be arranged for the Thursday on which the dinner of the Association is to take place, the days first named for a visit to the far west were recurred to. In fact, as Penzance, the rendezvous of the excursionist, is eighty miles from Plymouth, and as the leading objects of interest can barely be seen in two days, it is clear that an attempt to dovetail this expedition with the business of the Plymouth Meeting could only tend to interference with the success of both. It is to be hoped that many of our members may be able to indulge themselves with an extension of their holiday trip, from Plymouth into these remote parts of the country; and the excursion, of which full particulars will soon be issued, will enable them to visit the points of greatest interest in a very agreeable way. I am, etc., C. BARHAM.

Truro, July 11th, 1871.

MIDWIFERY AND THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—Will you pardon my intruding on your space in asking for information. Are we to understand that the Medical Council by their recent decision consider that midwifery proper requires no more instruction than botany, and that the diseases of women and children require none at all? I am, etc., J. BRAXTON HICKS.

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PROFESSOR HAUGHTON'S TELEOLOGY.

SIR,—It has been on my mind some time to write a short inquiry upon one point at least of Professor Haughton's brilliant discourses recently published. What Dr. Haughton says, is said so effectively that it seems as if it must be right—facts could not resist the charming of so eloquent an interpreter, and perhaps they follow his piping as less rigid things once followed Amphion. One very favourite burden of his song was this. Seeing, then, the marvellous adaptation of machinery to work done, and, what is more, the marvellous attainments of this on principles of least action, how can we suppose this machinery to have been gradually evolved? Here is nothing tentative, but here, rather, are works struck out neatly and perfectly at a blow, as watchworks are now struck from a die. And then follows much vigorous teleological argument of the same kind. Surely this is a triumph of sheer boldness; and for my poor part, conscious as I was that the eminent professor could not err, in logic at any rate, I read these passages over several times, in patient desire to arrive at their signification. But I have failed; and as others of your readers may be struggling with like doubts, may I venture to point out that in our humble judgment the argument seems to have precisely the opposite force. An evolutionist will say that realisation of least action may or may not be compatible with teleological schemes; but for his hypothesis it is not only favourable, but

absolutely essential. Any margin of machinery over and above that which is necessary would be destructive evidence against him, as it would be wholly uncaused—which is impossible. On the other hand, the teleologist should rejoice in any margin of power; for to it he would point as a provision which could not have been called forth by the average of circumstances, but must have been added as a safeguard by a prescient Creator. It is necessary for a Darwinian to prove that Nature "runs it fine"; but to a teleologist it ought to be not only unnecessary, but even rather disappointing. "But", it may be said by the professor, "there might have been a want of equation on the other side. I do not rely upon the absence of excessive provision for work, but upon the presence of that which is always sufficient; I assert that the exquisite balance which I have demonstrated in a few of the highest and perfect animals, and in the most effective parts of these, is also present in every organ of all animals." This is a hardly optimism, however, to which the lecturer will, I think, scarcely commit himself.

Leeds, July 12th, 1871. I am, etc., T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.

OBITUARY.

SAMUEL M. HEWITT, L.K.Q.C.P., OF DUBLIN.

ALTHOUGH Dr. Hewitt, whose death took place lately, had not reached the age of twenty-five, he had acquired a very leading position amongst the junior physicians of Dublin. Commencing as demonstrator of anatomy, and private teacher in the school of the College of Surgeons, he became so popular that his election to the physiciancy of the City of Dublin Hospital was unopposed. In the fever-wards of this institution his devotion to the sick poor was most exemplary, and in them he contracted the contagion of typhus, which quickly resulted fatally. The May number of the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medicine* contains a most able and suggestive paper on "The Present State of Therapeutics", by Dr. Hewitt. His interment was attended by all his colleagues, and several other eminent medical men; and over one hundred students walked in the procession.

ARTHUR WILLIAM DUMVILLE, F.R.C.S., MANCHESTER.

THE profession in Manchester has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Mr. A. W. Dumville, who died on Saturday, July 8th, 1871, at the age of 52, deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends and patients, and by his colleagues at the hospital. Both in his public career as surgeon to the Manchester Infirmary, and (for many years) as lecturer on surgery at the School of Medicine, and in private life, he succeeded in gaining the confidence and affection of all with whom he came in contact; indeed, it is the simple language of truth to say that he died as had lived, without a single foe. His care and ability as a clinical teacher made him deservedly popular among the students, who will for a long time to come sincerely deplore his loss.

Mr. Dumville was not only gifted as an instructor, but was possessed of rare tactical skill as a surgeon. Among many other proofs of his manual ability, may be cited how brilliantly he was wont to perform Syme's operation of external urethrotomy without a guide: it is not over-praise, indeed, to affirm that no living surgeon surpassed, few could equal, the dexterity with which he performed this operation.

Mr. Dumville wrote but little, and it is therefore possible that, beyond his own city, it may be little known how skilful and judicious a surgeon, how accomplished a man, how kind a friend, how true a gentleman, has left our ranks.

ROBERT DUNDAS, M.D.

ON the 25th of June the medical profession lost a distinguished member, and his numerous friends a respected and beloved companion, in the death of Dr. Robert Dundas. Born in Ireland towards the end of the last century, he entered the medical service of the army at an early age. He served in the Peninsula, and was present at the siege of New Orleans in 1815. He subsequently settled at Bahia, in Brazil, where he had the medical superintendence of the British Hospital for twenty-three years with great credit to himself and benefit to others. His health giving way, he resigned his hospital appointment and practice, and returned to Europe with ample means, the product of his skill and industry. He

was, however, much too active minded to accept the leisure so well earned by twenty-eight years' service in tropical climates; and as soon as his health began to recover he settled in practice in Liverpool. Here he was appointed physician to the Northern Hospital, and again did good work for several years. In 1852 he published, under the title of *Sketches of Brazil*, a work in which he advocated strenuously the doctrine that intermittent fever is not necessarily the result of so-called malaria, but may be generated in the human economy by the electrical, thermometric and morbid hygienic conditions, quite apart from the action of marsh miasmatic. He also brought forward a considerable mass of evidence to prove the possibility of arresting the course of continued fever by quinine. In 1854 Dr. Dundas gave up his Liverpool position, and settled in London at Gloucester Place, where he spent the last years of an eventful life. He died of exhaustion following a severe and continued attack of sciatica, in his eightieth year. He was an upright, conscientious, intellectual man, of firm will and unflinching resolve. He combined with a certain sternness of character so much warmth of affection and sympathy for those whom he esteemed and loved, that he exercised over them great influence.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentleman passed his examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received his certificate to practise, on Thursday, July 6th, 1871.

Bowes, John Ireland, Elham, Canterbury
Pope, Harry Campbell, Tring, Herts
Willcocks, Isaac, West Loze, Cornwall
Williams, Ralph Worthington, Hurst, near Ashton-under-Lyne

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their first professional examination.

Mahomet, F. H. A. A., Guy's Hospital
Webb, William Edward, King's College

As an Assistant in compounding and dispensing medicines.

Nutt, William Anthony, Barnstaple, Devon

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the Summer Commencement, held on Wednesday, June 28th, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following Licenses and Degrees in Medicine and Surgery were conferred by the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Napier, Bart., LL.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Licentiatii in Medicinâ:—Thomas Johannes Browne, and Ricardus Dancer Purefoy.

Licentiatii in Chirurgiâ:—Ricardus Dancer Purefoy.

Baccalarii in Medicinâ:—Jacobus Armstrong, Otway Petrus Browne, Edvardus Maziere Courtenay, Thomas Drapes, Andreas Franciscus Dobson, Christophorus Elliott, Thomas Sargent Floyd, Georgius Gibson, David Kennedy, Patricius Johannes Molony, Thomas Hamilton Moorhead, Johannes Morgan, Jacobus O'Connor, Ricardus Henricus Quill, Johannes Godfredus Rogers, Henricus Johannes Tweedy, Johannes Waugh, Gulielmus Marcus Whittaker, and Thomas Blair Worthington.

Magistri in Chirurgiâ:—Jacobus Armstrong, Otway Petrus Browne, Edvardus Maziere Courtenay, Franciscus Georgius Mayberry, Patricius Johannes Molony, Ricardus Henricus Quill, Johannes Godfredus Rogers, Johannes Waugh, and Thomas Blair Worthington.

Doctores in Medicinâ:—Edvardus Wolfenden Collins, Johannes Gulielmus Moore (*stip. con.*), Johannes Morgan, Johannes Todhunter, Arthurus Wellesley Tomkins, and Geraldus Franciscus Yeo.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

ARDWICK AND ANCOATS DISPENSARY, Manchester—Consulting Surgeon.
BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.
BRECKNOCK INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.
BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL—Consulting Surgeon.
BRIXTON DISPENSARY—Resident Dispenser.
BURY, LANCASHIRE, DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.
CARMICHAEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Dublin—Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology.
CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL—Physician.
DERBYSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY, Derby—Resident Assistant House-Surgeon; Two Dental Surgeons; Non-Resident Dispenser.
EVELINA HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon.
FARINGDON UNION, Berks—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Buckland District.
GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN, Bridge Street, Manchester—Resident Medical Officer.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street—Assistant-Physician.
HUDDERSFIELD INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.
HUDDERSFIELD AND UPPER AGRIBIGG INFIRMARY—Physician.
INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.
INFIRMARY FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Charles Street, Portman Square—Physician.
KILKEEL UNION, co. Down—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Second Division of the Kilkeel Dispensary District.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Junior Resident Medical Officer.
LEWES UNION, Sussex—Medical Officer for the Lower District and the Workhouse.
LOCHGORLHEAD AND KILMORICH, Argyleshire—Parochial Medical Officer.
LOUDOUN, Ayrshire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator.
LOYAL EARL OF LONSDALE LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS, Rampton, Cumberland—Medical Attendant.
MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY—Surgeon.
MATER MISERICORDIÆ HOSPITAL, Dublin—Physician.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—Lecturer on Physiology, including Practical Physiology.
NORTH DUBLIN UNION—Medical Officer, North City Dispensary District.
NORTH-WEST LONDON FREE DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN, Bell Street, Edgware Road—Physician.
RATHDOWN UNION, co. Dublin—Medical Officer for First Division of the Kingstown Dispensary District.
ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL—Resident House-Surgeon & Apothecary.
ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—Teacher of Physiological Chemistry.
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL—Resident Assistant-Physician; Assistant-Surgeon.
SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds—Physician.
WARWICK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hatton—Assistant Medical Officer.
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL—Junior Physician; House-Surgeon.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Assistant-Surgeon.
WIRRAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR SICK CHILDREN, Birkhead—Honorary Medical Officer.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.

*BLOXAM, J. A., Esq., appointed Junior Surgeon to the West London Hospital.
CAIRD, Thomas Wilson, Esq., elected Surgeon to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, in the room of *A. Kempe, Esq., resigned.
CONNOLLY, Andrew E., L.K.Q.C.P.Irel., appointed Medical Officer for the Cahir-cinlsh Dispensary District of the Limerick Union.
HARTIGAN, Jeremiah T., L.K.Q.C.P.Irel., appointed Medical Officer for the Croom Dispensary District and the Workhouse of the Croom Union, co. Limerick.
HAY, Robert, L.F.P.S.Glasg., appointed Medical Officer for the parish of North Bute, Buteshire.
*JONES, Talford, M.B.Lond., appointed Physician to the Brecon County and Borough General Infirmary, *vice* Prestwood Lucas, M.D., deceased.
*LANDDOWN, F. Poole, Esq., re-elected Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital.
McFADYEN, C., M.B., elected Medical Officer for the parish of Straith, Isle of Skye.
PRESTON, Eyre Frederick, L.K.Q.C.P.Irel., appointed Medical Officer to the Workhouse and Fever Infirmary of the Kilkeel Union, co. Down.
VERNON, B. J., Esq., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the West London Hospital.
WATSON, Albert, L.K.Q.C.P.Irel., appointed Medical Officer for the Lucan Dispensary District of the Celbridge Union, co. Kildare.
*WILTSHIRE, Alfred, M.D., appointed Physician for the Diseases of Women to the West London Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.

BIRTHS.

GRIFFITH.—On July 3rd, at Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire, North Wales, the wife of *Samuel Griffith, M.D., of a daughter.
LONG.—On July 3rd, at Cromer, Norfolk, the wife of *Mark Long, M.D., of Canning Town, Essex, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BENNETT, W. R. H., Esq., Surgeon, at Shaftesbury, aged 38, on June 28th.
*HESTER, James, M.D., son of J. T. Hester, Esq., late of Oxford, at Wangaratta, Australia, on May 1st.
LANDDOWN, Joseph G., Esq., late Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital, at Bristol, aged 67, on July 6th.
MAY, Willoughby, Esq., Surgeon, at Teignmouth, aged 31, on July 5th.
*TANNER, Thomas H., M.D., of Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, at Brighton, aged 46, on July 7th.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL AT CAMBRIDGE.—On Saturday last, Dr. Paget, President of the Medical Council, invited the whole of the Council (twenty-four in number) to accompany him to Cambridge, on its rising at four o'clock. With few and unavoidable exceptions, the invitation was cordially accepted; and the Council, who always terminate their proceedings at 4 P.M. on Saturdays, proceeded by the 5 P.M. train to Cambridge, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them in the hall of Caius, and a distinguished party assembled to meet them. The next day, they met at Dr. Paget's house to breakfast, and thereafter dispersed themselves to various churches, as taste or inclination prompted. In Cambridge, there is an ample choice, for places of public worship are provided for nearly all religious bodies of any note. On that day, besides a number who reassembled to dinner at Dr. Paget's, several partook of the famed hospitality of the Colleges, Mr. Porter of Peterhouse and others having large parties. Leaving Cambridge with great regret, and deeply impressed with the magnificent hospitality of their President, and with pleasant recollections of the architectural and scenic beauties which commingle in that beautiful town, the various guests left by early trains, and resumed and concluded their duties in London on Monday.